

Vidor, Texas 6/1/70 9/4/75

Lufkin, Tx (Union Rd.) 6/29/71 - Tues, night

Dam B 5/16/78 - Sun. 7/1

~~Bridge City~~ 8/24/80

Anahuac, TX 6/12/88 KSHV 3/17/02
7/30/95

Pollution

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Introduction:

1. Not difficult to introduce a subject which will be controverted
Always someone who will differ, offer argumentation, etc.
2. But one subject we hear great deal about lately and almost without exception everyone agrees on it. POLLUTION. ECOLOGY
3. Warnings frequently issued by health departments that we are in danger because of breathing polluted air; They cite: exhaust from automobiles, smoke from plants, etc, etc.
4. FLIGHT OVER HOUSTON RECENTLY: Heavy black thundercloud-RAIN:
But turned out to be air pollution; dense coverage, etc
5. We should be concerned about this: air, water, pollution; trash along our highways, etc.
6. Concerned about our health, because therein dwells the soul;
WE SHOULD DO NOTHING THAT ENDANGERS OUR PHYSICAL BODY
(Many things could be said here about our habits, etc.)

BODY:

Temple of Holy Spirit 1 Cor 6:19

I. POLLUTION OF THE MIND:

1. There is a problem of far greater importance, MORE DANGER---
2. Like as air pollution, it is a fact that man's mind is polluted
3. HOW??? Through the natural gateways of the mind--EYE and EAR
The various means of communication furnish the SMOKE,
DIRT, DUST that enter the mind through the eye and ear.
4. Television, radio, books, magazines, acquaintances, etc.
5. The "gutter language" heard so often today. God's children should not use, nor even listen (and often enjoy) such.
6. WE SHOULD HOLD GOD'S NAME IN REVERENCE, IN RESPECT:

B8:1 "O Lord, our Lord how excellent is thy name in all the earth"
We should never drag Jehovah's name down into the dust.

Our children should never hear us DEGRADE God, the CHURCH;
OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS. BUT HOW OFTEN DO THEY HURT US + SEE
NO PLACE TO BAD-MOUTH THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD & RUMBLE

How careful we should be in our speech before our children.

When our children hear us down-grade the church, brethren,
the preacher, song leader, those who serve the table, lead prayers, etc., what attitude will they have as they grow older--LOSE RESPECT.

Let us not pollute their young minds, keep them pure.

Mt 5:8—"Blessed are the pure in heart, shall see God"

We MUST put wholesome thoughts, ideas that will build strong character, foundation for faithful life. Eph. 6:1-4

(Doesn't take much salt to pollute glass of water)

What a tremendous responsibility to LEAD the paths of our offspring to God. (HOW MANY LEAD THEM IN WAYS AWAY FROM GOD, BY EXAMPLE + LIFE)

7. Our public media of communication are not designed to draw men to God--Built on an appeal to the flesh, to lead one away from righteousness and truth. CONSTANT CONFLICT!
We need to realize that when the mind becomes full of pollution the study of the Word of God does not appeal.
cf. as poison in the stomach will rebel at good food---so will the polluted mind rebel at hearing and receiving good the How does your Bible study compare with your television watching

*of our Nation, at one time, had no
pollution problem.*

Sin is lawlessness

II. SPIRITUAL POLLUTION:

1. Child is born into flesh free from guilt and pollution. 1 Jn 3:4
2. SIN pollutes, contaminates, makes filthy, separates from God.
3. Man must be cleansed, redeemed, reclaimed, washed, born anew.
cf. if our world is ever free of pollution, will come through teaching, building desire, etc.) NEVER FORCE
Likewise--Rom 10:17--Faith comes through hearing, etc.
4. Cleansed by the blood of Christ (Eph 1:7; Rom 5:9; Acts 20:28)
Through obedience--1 Pet 1:22--Purified souls through obedience to the truth.
Acts 22:16 - Wash away sins. (BE SEPARATE - 2 Cor 6:17-18)
5. If you stood before God at this moment--what would HE SEE???

YOU DO STAND BEFORE GOD NOW---HE SEES US.

Gas 1:22-25 - The mirror of the soul. WORD OF GOD
Reflects how we should look.

Song: "There is power in the Blood."

JUSTIFIED; Not just set free from the penalty!

cf. Governor may pardon a murderer, but still murderer, But God makes clean, justifies, no guilt.

BAPTISM - Acts 22:16 / Acts 2:38
BLOOD - Rev 1:5 / Eph 1:7 } BOTH FOR SAME PURPOSE